Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, August 1st, 1882.

The City Council met in the Council Chamber last night. Present —Mayor Meredith in the chair; Ald. Becher, Macbeth, Boyd, Browne, Ferguson, Higgins, Skinner, Taylor, Jones, O'Meara, Murray, Hyman, Birrell, Hunt, Pritchard, Minhinnick, Sharman.

Minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and signed.

Before proceeding with the regular business Ald. Pritchard made some enquiries regarding the tapping of the mains for the Ontario Car Works. The resolution of the Council had been that the mains should not be tapped until some arrangement was entered into with London East. He wished to know by whose authority the pipes had been tapped.

His Worship said he would make enquiries in regard to the matter. It had not been done by order of the Commissioners.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From Thomas Muir, Manager of the Ontario Car Works, stating in reference to the resolution of the Council regarding water supply, that he had supposed the town of London East had taken action in the matter, and on behalf of the Company accepting the offer made by the Council, to supply the Company with water at 50 per cent. advance on tariff rates. No. 3.

From W. R. Meredith, City Solicitor, stating that he had received from Becher, Street & Becher a communication claiming on behalf of the Minister of Justice from the corporation, $119 80, legal expenses in connection with the transfer to the corporation of the ordnance lands in this city, which they claim were by the terms of the agreement between the Government and the corporation to be paid by the city. Also relative to excessive freight charges by the Great Western Railway Company. Committee No. 1.

From D. M. Cameron, Chairman of the County Poor House Committee, stating that the committee have no personal power in regard to the admission of paupers from the city. He could not say whether the County Council are disposed to make an arrangement with the city similar to that in Lambton, but personally he would be favorable. Nothing, however, could be done until the next meeting of the Council. No. 3.

From Thomas Deacon, account for board of indigents, amounting to $103.00. No. 2.

From George Woodliff, petitioning for reduction of rent on stalls 15 and 16. No. 3.

From James Crawford and other ratepayers, petitioning for the erection of two gas lamps on the east side of Waterloo street, one between Central avenue and Pall Mall; the other between Central avenue and Bond streets. No. 3

From M. D. Dawson & Co., an account of $47.29 for printing and $20 for subscription to *Herald*. No. 1.

From Thomas Cavanaugh, an item of $1.56, balance due for working on the streets. Fyled.

From J. S. Davison, making application for the removal of the tax imposed on lot 17, Maitland street, as he had a paralytic stroke about June 1st and was unable to work since. No. 1.

From David Darvill, stating his intention to build extensive workshops on Thames street at the foot of King, providing the sidewalk and roadway are improved so as they shall be passable. No. 2, with power.

From eleven ratepayers, petitioning for a sewer on King street, between Wellington and Waterloo. No 2

From J. F. Dufton, asking that the taxes upon his establishment be remitted, as agreed by the Council. No. 1.

From Sime & Webb, asking the privilege of erecting a small frame office in front of their property on Richmond street.

On motion it was granted.

THE CIVIC HOLIDAY.

Mayor Meredith stated that he had received largely-signed petitions asking that the Civic Holiday be held on the 8th, 14th and 16th. He wished to ascertain the opinion of the members in regard to the matter, and would act on their decision.

Resolutions were moved in favor of the 14th and 16th, with an amendment by Ald. Pritchard, that the Mayor investigate the causes of the different days being desired, and select the most suitable.